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Regents OK MIAA move

College will add tennis

Receiving approval from the Board of Regents Friday, Missouri Southern will now start its move to the NCAA Division II level and the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

According to College President Julio Leon, Southern must now do three things in order to prepare for the move.

"The first thing we must do is apply for membership into the NCAA Division II," said Leon. "We must also apply for membership into the MIAA."

In addition to the applications, Leon said the College must start its establishment of a women's tennis program. The tennis program must be added due to an MIAA rule stating men and women must compete in four sports each. Currently, Southern's women compete only in basketball, softball, and volleyball. Leon said work on the program will begin as soon as possible.

As for Southern's application into the NCAA and the MIAA, Leon believes that rejection is not much of a possibility.

"I seriously doubt they will say no," Leon said. "They have had an interest in Missouri Southern, and we had a standing invitation."

Before moving to NCAA Division II, though, Southern must remain in the CSIC for the next two years. This is fine, according to Leon, because the NCAA has a two-year waiting period before a member school is eligible for championship play.

The move will cause the College to make some extra expenditures. Besides having to establish a women's tennis program, an additional \$7,000 must be spent in dues.

"It is cheaper to be in the NCAA Division II," said Leon, "but it is more expensive to belong to the MIAA rather than to the CSIC."

Representatives of Southern's athletic program met yesterday with MIAA officials and discussed the views and philosophies of the association.

"What we discussed was a general overview of the transitions," said Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, "and the philosophic views of the MIAA."

Discussion also centered on the specifics of recruiting and eligibility.



Rescue attempts

(Top) Jon Kriekhaus of the Joplin Emergency Medical Service searches the waters at Grand Falls for the body of Jerry Holder. (Above) After pulling the victim from the water, rescuers—including JEMS members—load him onto a boat for transportation to a waiting ambulance. Holder, a Missouri Southern junior, was transported to Oak Hill Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. (Photos courtesy of Vince Rosati)

Rescue attempts fail to save life of student

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

When Missouri Southern student Jerry Holder jumped off Grand Falls and into the waters below Sunday, he intended to return to the surface.

Holder returned to the surface after being under the water more than an hour and a half. He was pronounced dead at 7:10 p.m. at Joplin's Oak Hill Hospital—three hours after his jump.

A popular recreation area for Southern students and other area residents, Grand Falls is located on Shoal Creek three miles southwest of Joplin. It has long been a trouble spot for law enforcement officials because of under-age drinking, public drunkenness, and illegally-parked cars.

Holder, a 21-year-old from Liberal, was active in intramural sports at Southern. The intramural softball team "Jerry's Kids" was named after him.

His funeral was held yesterday afternoon in Liberal. According to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student affairs, "There were lots of students from Southern and Liberal High School" at the "standing-room only" funeral.

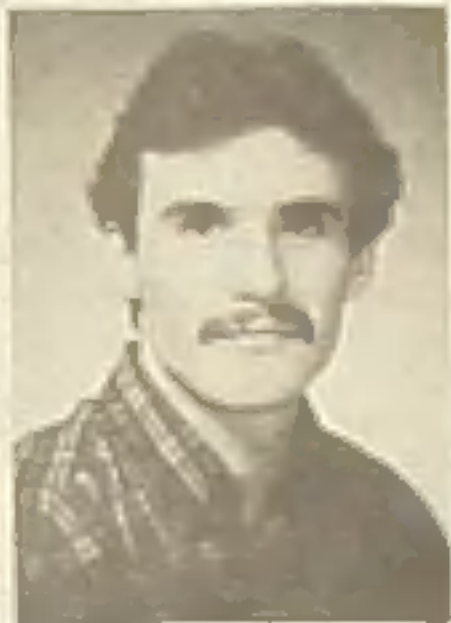
Holder, a junior computer science major at Southern, was swimming with friends before his death. One official at the scene said he had "reports that he had been drinking very heavily."

"There was a slight turning of the water," said Ron Doerge, Newton County undersheriff. "The water was about 15 feet deep, and the bottom was flat."

"Where he dove in, there are a lot of jagged rocks," added Doerge, who recovered the body. "He could have hit his head."

"It is one of the worst times of the year. They get hot and go into very cold water and can cramp up."

According to Doerge, the rocks do present a hazard, but it is unlikely Holder hit them.



"It sounded to me like he overexerted himself," said Lt. Richard O.W. Gammill of the Joplin Police Department. "A lot of people like to dive off that dam. If they only knew how rocky it was, it wouldn't stop them, but it would scare them to death."

When Doerge pulled Holder out, he and Joplin Emergency Medical Service rescuers tried to revive the victim. Doerge attempted CPR.

"The diver that pulled him out (Doerge) said the water was extremely cold," said Gammill. "It (CPR) was worth a try."

"Anytime the temperature of the water is under 65 degrees," said Doerge, "you try CPR because of the cold water."

Gammill said it was almost 45 minutes before the Joplin Police Department was called to the scene.

When police units and JEMS ambulance vehicles arrived, parked cars and traffic posed a problem for the rescuers.

"You've always got a traffic problem down there," Gammill said. "We deal with that year round."

Doerge said some vehicles were "blocking the road." He said the Newton County Sheriff's Department would "start enforcing" many ordinances in the area.

"The swimming we've never had a problem with," he said. "If they park on that side (the side of the road adjacent to Grand Falls), we're going to tow the vehicles away."

Gammill said the Grand Falls area has always been a problem for local police.

"Through the year, we'll make several arrests down there," he said. "It's all covered by city ordinances."

Doerge said a woman told him she collected as many as eight garbage sacks of beer cans every Monday morning.

Gammill said the police department plans to increase the number of patrols in the area, but the increase is not attributed to Holder's death.

While the drowning is the first this year, Doerge said there were five drownings last year. The usual total along Shoal Creek between Wildcat Park and Grand Falls varies, ranging from two to five deaths per year.

Said Doerge, "We don't want to spoil anyone's fun, but more importantly, we don't want anyone to die."

By Pat Halcerson
Editor-in-Chief

Addressing the annual spring meeting of the faculty, College President Julio Leon focused on perceptions of Missouri Southern and changes in education.

Citing his first faculty address five years ago, Leon recalled the forces which he then said would shape the future of education: changing student population, concerns with the disintegration of curriculum, changes in recruiting strategy because of competition between schools, the necessity of keeping up with technology and state-of-the-art equipment, and tightening of control by legislatures and governors.

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Promoted to associate professors were James M. Gray, business; Richard D. Humphrey, admissions; Lyle F. Mays, computer science; and Wayne E. Stebbins, biology.

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ary and secondary education brought about by reports such as *The Nation At Risk* because colleges prepare teachers to teach. He said all reports on higher education focus on curriculum, what students are being taught, and assessment—the quality of the overall experience.

"There are several things we need to do as an institution to keep improving," said Leon. "No one questions whether we deliver content. There is a question about the way we are doing it and whether there are things we are not doing that we should do. It appears to me

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Polls provide positive response to College

By Mark Mulik
Campus Editor

Before approving a change in Missouri Southern's athletic affiliation, the Board of Regents heard the results of a public opinion study concerning the College.

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Senate votes to give funds

Although there was no old or new business in the Student Senate's last business meeting of the school year, senators voted to allocate \$300 to two separate funds.

The Senate will give \$250 toward the Jerry Holder Memorial Scholarship Fund. Holder, a Missouri Southern student, drowned Sunday in Grand Falls.

"I think this a good idea since Jerry's parents are trying to raise money to make sure another student can come here," said Rachael Couch, sophomore senator.

The Senate also moved to give \$250 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in conjunction with the Campus Activities Board-sponsored Megathon '87.

Terri Honeyball was named senator of the month.

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If we do some of these additional things we will turn out to be a really outstanding institution."

Leon said there was a need for "writing across the curriculum," an internationalizing of curriculum, and a need to involve students in public service.

"We have to come back to this idea of putting everything together—the need to get students to write more and think more," said Leon. "We are beginning to make an impact, and people notice our emphasis on quality."

Leon also urged instructors to stress deadlines for student work, and to be conscious of their accountability as educators.

"There is no dress code on campus, and I hope there never will be," Leon said, "but professors shouldn't dress like students. We are in danger of losing what prestige we have as college professors. College professors are not being viewed in a very good light these days."

"No college ever became great that didn't expect to become great. We have got to have a purpose and a vision and keep reminding ourselves of that. In general, we ought to be proud of what we have done in the last five years, and there are more good things to come."



Steam engine

Allen Smith, an antique model builder from Girard, Kan., works on a model of a case steam engine. Smith exhibited several models at Tuesday's Industrial Arts Fair at Missouri Southern. (Chart photo by Pat Halverson.)

College salutes supporters Lantern Society schedules annual banquet

Those people who have supported Missouri Southern through financial contributions will be saluted tomorrow at the third annual Lantern Society Banquet.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Conner Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. The American Food Service Company will provide the food.

"Each year we have an outstanding alumnus speak at the dinner," said Sue Billingsly, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation.

Tomorrow George M. Flanigan, judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, will speak to the society members.

Originally from Carthage, Flanigan was a member of the sixth class to enroll at Joplin Junior College. After completing three semesters there, he transferred to the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1943.

The Lantern Society was founded three years ago in honor of the vision of its founders and the outstanding leadership and services of friends and donors.

"Our members say they get satisfaction from knowing they are helping to further the education of area youths," said Billingsly.

Film and television star Dennis Weaver spoke at last year's banquet. Warren Hearnes, former Missouri governor, was the guest speaker in 1985.

CAB holds MDA benefit 'Megathon Superdance' begins tomorrow

Students from around the area will begin to invade the parking lot of Fred Hughes Stadium tomorrow to dance the night away.

The Megathon Superdance, benefitting the Muscular Dystrophy Association, will start at 6 p.m. and continue for a 24-hour period. Participants have signed up donors to sponsor them for every hour they dance.

Although sponsors may be hard to obtain at such a late date, the event is still open to anyone.

"Anybody can come dance," said Mary Floyd, a member of the Campus Activities Board, "but we're really stressing MDA and donations from those without sponsors."

CAB, along with Larry Hickey Distributing and Z-103, has taken on the responsibility of sponsoring a megathon dance after the former Kappa Alpha fraternity did so for many years.

Mike and Staci Daugherty, CAB members who worked with the local MDA telethon, got to talking with the telethon people who liked the idea of a Missouri Southern organization sponsoring such an event.

"It was a good chance for everyone at Southern to get together," said Mike Daugherty. "It needed to be done, and we wanted to do something about it. We couldn't do it ourselves, so we presented

the idea to the CAB."

Plans and ideas began to form for Megathon '87, which has chosen the theme "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now."

"A lot of the local businesses are helping us with foods, beverages, and prizes," said Floyd. "It takes a lot to feed a group this size for 24 hours."

Area bands and disc jockey Chris Fox will provide music to dance by. Concessions will be available free to the dancers and by purchase to other participants.

The campus organization with the most dancers will receive \$100. Other prizes will be given for the dancers with the most donations pledged along with hourly bonus drawings.

"It has taken a lot of hard work and long hours," said Floyd. "Everybody has been out doing a fantastic job."

Dancers have been recruited from the area high schools while posters and information have been circulated across the four-state area.

A successful project that will benefit MDA may determine whether Megathon becomes an annual CAB activity.

"It's taking a lot of manpower," said Val Williams, coordinator of student activities, "but I'm delighted with their enthusiasm and the success we've had working with the community."

Honor society plans event

Chartering ceremonies uniting Golden Crest Circle with Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Billingsly Student Center.

Dr. Roger Kasten, faculty director for Province IV of ODK and faculty member at Wichita State University, will present the national charter to the Southern chapter. Twenty-two student members, four faculty members, and five alumni members will participate in the event. A reception will be held following the ceremonies.

Omicron Delta Kappa was founded in 1914, and was the first college honor society of a national scope to give recognition and honor for leadership and service in extracurricular activities.

According to ODK, the goal of the society is "to recognize and encourage exemplary character and superior quality in scholarship and leadership and join with faculty members on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and service. Membership is as much an obligation and responsibility as it is a mark of

highest distinction and honor."

"ODK's purpose is to recognize outstanding leadership across the disciplines," said Elaine Freeman, secretary for Golden Crest. "It is a lifetime membership and provides many opportunities for members. It recognizes leadership and scholarship and provides an opportunity for faculty and students to meet together."

Golden Crest was established at Southern last year as a prerequisite of ODK affiliation. During the last year, members of the group have been involved in service projects, fund-raising events, and completion of requirements for joining with the national society.

Dr. Eldridge Roark, vice president of ODK, visited the Southern campus for a site visit last semester. After Roark's visit, a petition for membership in the national society, along with information about the College was then submitted to the ODK commission on standards. Golden Crest was notified of acceptance to the national society in February.

Golden Crest will be the 17th circle in Province IV.

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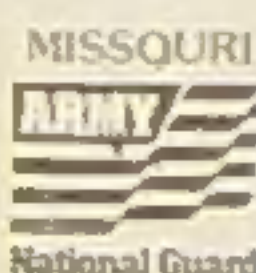
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Science project Mike Lawson, Carl Junction teacher, overlooks Shannon McAlexander's research. (Chart photo by Pat Halverson)

Welfare committee works to strengthen relationship

By Nancy Putnam
Associate Editor

Helping the administration recognize the importance of faculty needs and increasing faculty morale remain major goals for the faculty welfare committee.

"I think the administration has made several steps in strengthening the relationship between themselves and the faculty," said Annetta St. Clair, chair of the welfare committee.

One item which the welfare committee believes will help strengthen relations is its proposal for formal recognition of long-time employee service. The proposal was submitted to College President Julio Leon in November.

"The administration seemed highly receptive to our recommendations," said St. Clair. "We are sure they intend to implement this policy in some way."

The proposal includes giving recognition to faculty members for 10 years of service and for each five-year anniversary after this. The committee also suggests giving plaques to faculty, recognizing their years of service at the faculty-board of regents' dinner, and notifying local media of their service.

"We want the faculty to be recognized as the quality of professionals that they are," said St. Clair. "In the past we can see that hasn't always been the case."

St. Clair said in the past years the administration has not always been respectful of the concerns of the faculty. However, "there has been a great change in the attitude of the administration, but it has been a slow change."

"The administration realizes we are well informed, well educated, and good problem solvers, and they need to draw

on our expertise," she said. "We can't have a slave-master relationship—just as you can't have it in a classroom. I don't think it exists now, but it has in the past."

Two items which the welfare committee dealt with this academic year, but cannot be solved without enacting new legislation, are those regarding the retirement system and liability insurance.

Faculty members believe the current retirement system is unfair, especially to young, mobile faculty. Faculty members contribute 10 per cent of their salary to the retirement fund and the College matches this amount, but employees can only withdraw all of that money if they retire in that same school system.

"This hurts younger faculty members who want to advance, but it is an inducement to stay in the system," said St. Clair.

According to St. Clair, faculty members do not have as much satisfaction as they would like regarding liability lawsuits filed by students. While the state would pay for damages if faculty members lost a suit, the members would have to pay their own attorney fees and other court costs to defend themselves.

"Hopefully the faculty and administration can work together to get state laws changed," said St. Clair.

Bonus/merit pay is still an unresolved concern which St. Clair says will probably be an issue the welfare committee will have to deal with again next year.

"There is a lot of widespread concern about bonus/merit pay, but there is not a widespread consensus among the faculty," she said.

St. Clair and Dale Simpson, secretary, presented the policy statement on this subject. Leon pledged to address these concerns with the administration.

Area students excel in research

Carl Junction instructor, a Southern graduate, says his students are a highly motivated group

By Pat Halverson
Editor-in-Chief

Although Shannon McAlexander may have won the grand prize at the Southwest Missouri Regional Science Fair in Springfield last week, all of Mike Lawson's science research students were winners.

Lawson, a 1972 graduate of Missouri Southern, has taught in the science department of Carl Junction High School for the last six years.

A total of 11 projects were entered at the fair by 13 of Lawson's students. The group won 44 awards and prizes.

He is proud of the performance of his students. Of seven students in the science research class, five placed first in their categories, and the other two placed second behind their own classmates.

"We usually do well," he said, "but not that well. They all found something significant in their research. One of the hardest things for high school students is that they don't know what they can do until they get started."

Lawson has taught most of the students in the science research class since they were sophomores, and he said they are a highly-motivated group.

"I enjoy teaching and am glad I am do-

ing what I am—especially when you get kids who are on a roll like these are. When I see them succeed, it is a reward for me."

McAlexander, a senior, won one of two grand awards with her project, "The Effects of the Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) and Norethynodrel on T-cell Levels in Mice." She chose her subject after reading an article on aging.

"I wanted to do something on aging," she said. "I read an article in *Omni* magazine on slowing down aging, and decided to research the topic to see if it had been done before. Then I called Dr. Schwartz from Temple University in Pennsylvania to ask if he thought it was a good idea and to ask for information."

McAlexander's goal was to try to improve the immune system to slow down the process of aging and determine the effect of steroids on that process.

"I used Norethynodrel, which is used in birth control pills, to see if it works the same as DHEA," she said. "The DHEA in the body decreases as it ages, and the Norethynodrel could be used to supplement the DHEA. It did work. The DHEA increased the lymphocyte and indirectly the T-cell levels and also protected the thymus gland from shriveling with age."

As a grand prize winner, McAlexander will participate in an international com-

petition in San Juan, Puerto Rico, next month. Lawson will also attend the competition. Expenses for the trip will be approximately \$2,100.

"We will have to raise our own money for the trip," said McAlexander. "Right now we plan to raffle a bike donated by Cadwell's Supermarket, and the school board is donating \$500. I have never been to a foreign country and I'm excited about it."

"We have promises of more help," said Lawson, "but nothing else is firm yet."

Winners in the international competition will be awarded a trip to Stockholm, Sweden, for the Nobel Prize ceremonies and presentations. Seven countries will be represented at the Puerto Rico event with approximately 500 students participating from Puerto Rico, the United States, Japan, Canada, Korea, and Sweden.

McAlexander credits Lawson's help and encouragement for the success of his students.

"He makes you interested in learning all you can," she said, "and has been a big influence on his students."

McAlexander plans to major in biology in college, but has not decided whether to attend Southern or Southwest Baptist University. She has won scholarships from both schools.

"I definitely want to look into the medical or health field, but haven't decided on a specific area," she said.

College re-establishes language day

Some 600 students from area high schools will meet at Missouri Southern Saturday for the first Foreign Language Field Day held on campus since 1983.

Students will compete in foreign language culture bowls, participate in grammar and reading comprehension testing, and view foreign language videos. A poetry contest has been added as a new category of competition.

"We wanted to give students the opportunity to use the language," said Dr. Hal Bodon, professor of communications. "We sent them a poem to learn which they will recite in the poetry contest."

Teams participating in the culture bowls will answer questions about the geography, language, and culture of foreign countries. Students from seven schools will put on skits in Taylor Auditorium.

"A young person ought to become ac-

quainted with a language other than their own," said Bodon. "So many benefits can be derived from that."

Bodon said there has been a 50 per cent increase in the number of high school students in Missouri studying a foreign language in the last three years. Six foreign languages are taught in Missouri high schools, including French, German, Spanish, Latin, Russian, and Hebrew.

"Many universities now require all their students to take a foreign language," he said. "Those who come (to college) with a foreign language background will be that much ahead of the game."

More emphasis is now being placed on learning a foreign language because of the necessity to communicate with persons from other countries and cultures.

"We are trying to catch up now," said Bodon. "We are 50 years behind. The world is getting smaller and smaller. Foreign language is important to interna-

tional business and communication—it is impossible to communicate without knowing the language and traditions of other people."

Missouri Southern hosted the field day for several years before the event was moved to the campus of Southwest Missouri State University.

"Southwest Missouri suggested we do it on a rotating basis," said Bodon. "After the first year, they decided they wanted to do it again. After three years, they have had enough."

Joplin Mayor Donald Clark has proclaimed Saturday as Modern Foreign Language Field Day in the city of Joplin because "better communication with other countries and a better understanding of different peoples through the study of foreign languages greatly enhances a person's educational and professional future and helps us keep in touch with our own nation's great heritage."

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Wrong choices

In last week's *In Perspective* Dr. Dale Simpson commented on the debatable subject of students holding outside jobs. Receiving a college education is a full-time job in itself—if it is given the regard and respect of which it is deserving. However, too many students are more concerned with their part- or full-time jobs than with their studies. As Simpson pointed out, students are often forced to choose between work, classes, and sleep. Classes usually come in last. This situation must be avoided.

While it is true that some students must work in order to pay their tuition, many do not. Many students work for the sole purpose of having extra money which they spend on "necessities" such as new cars, apartments, clothes, and toys (VCRs and stereos). Is this part of preparing for a career?

Students should spend more time studying their chosen field and becoming involved in the numerous extracurricular activities available on campus. Employers often look for campus involvement when reviewing resumes of those right out of college, not how many fast food and retail stores someone has worked at for a whopping \$3.35 an hour.

Students choosing to work part- or full-time during their college years may very well be short-changing themselves. Many will regret their decisions later.

Academic stars must be pursued

While much time and effort is put into recruiting an all-star high school athlete to Missouri Southern, many times "all-star" academic leaders are not sought with the same aggressiveness.

Such is the case of Shannon McAlexander, a senior at Carl Junction High School. McAlexander recently won a grand prize for her science project at a regional competition, making her eligible to compete in an international competition.

Missouri Southern has offered her a Regent's Scholarship and a \$500 scholarship. However, Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar has offered her a full four-year scholarship.

McAlexander said she was originally planning to attend Southern, but is now undecided between the two institutions. Neither school has personally contacted her about what it has to offer.

It would be a great loss to Southern if other outstanding high school students are not as actively recruited as outstanding sports stars are.

Letters to the Editor:

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearn Hall Room 117 by noon Friday for publication in the next week's edition. Letters must be typed and signed, and should not contain more than 500 words.



Zeta Tau Alpha does more than 'just party'

Recently my organization, Zeta Tau Alpha, requested money from Student Senate so that Zetas from Missouri Southern could attend regional Zeta Day in Kansas City. Another Zeta and I attended a Senate meeting to answer any questions the Senators might have regarding this expenditure of their funds. While we were there, I was both shocked and angered by some of the attitudes of the Senators, until I realized that these attitudes are widely held at Southern. These attitudes are that all Greek organizations do is party, and "nobody ever asked me to join."

First of all, Greeks at Southern have many other activities besides partying. Each Greek organization at Southern, Lambda Beta Phi, Sigma Nu, and Zeta Tau Alpha, must have service projects each semester for the campus and community. Zetas, for example, have a national philanthropy, the Association for Retarded Citizens, and must serve the mentally handicapped in some fashion each year. Zetas also have Standards and Enrichment programs such as self-defense, eating disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, etiquette, and hazing. I am sure the other Greeks have

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similar programs. Each of the Greeks is always active in Homecoming and other events on campus.

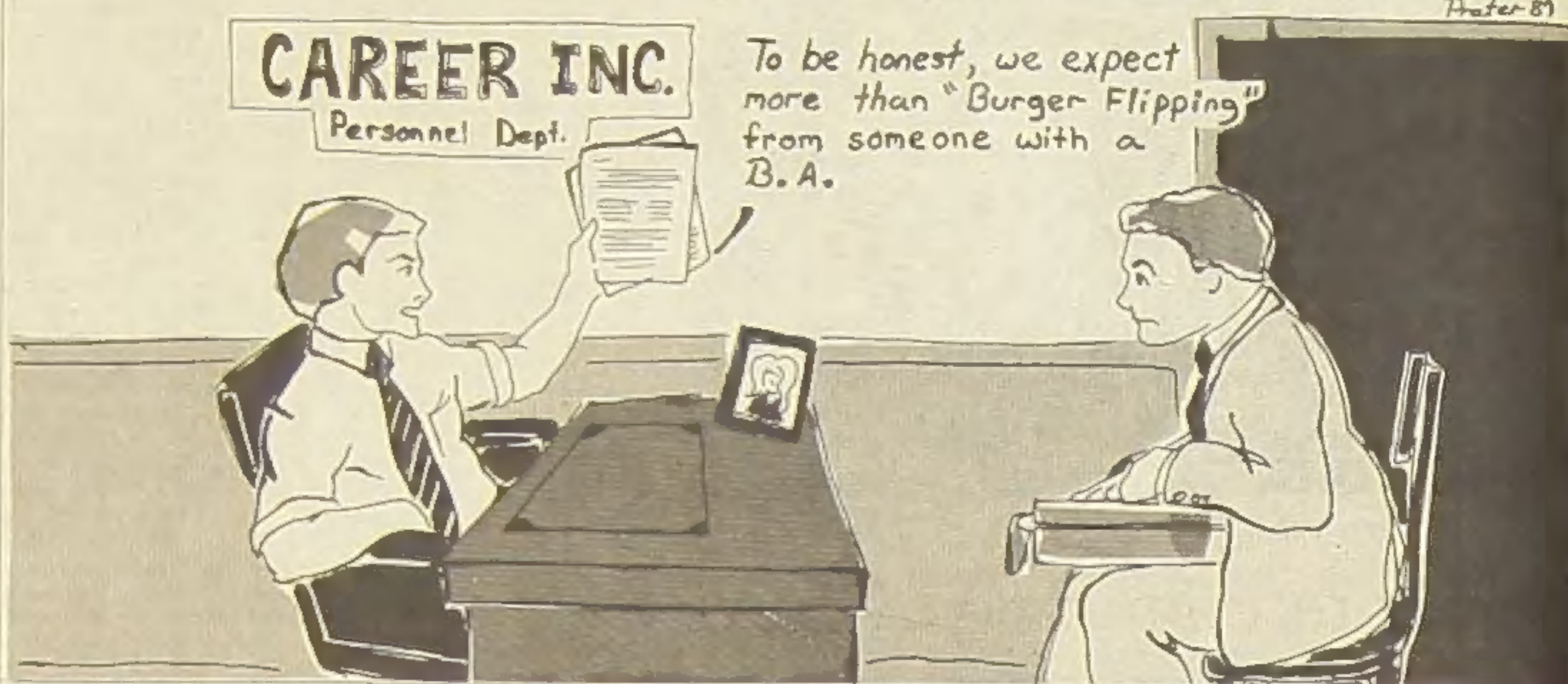
Also concerning alcohol, Zeta Tau Alpha has a national program called CARE, standing for Chapter Alcohol Responsibility and Education. Each pledge and member must sign an affidavit (sic) which states that Zeta Tau Alpha does not condone excessive drinking. The only time that alcohol may be present at Zeta functions is on special occasions and then only with the permission of the Province President. Zetas must also obey state laws concerning the use of alcohol. CARE reveals how strongly Zeta Tau Alpha feels against alcohol abuse. So no, we don't just party.

Another attitude I have encountered at Southern is "nobody ever asked me to join." This may be so; however, it is very difficult to get a personal invitation to join a fraternity or sorority across to every student on cam-

pus. According to panhellenic ("all-greek") rules, the only qualifications for a person to pledge Lambda Beta Phi or Zeta Tau Alpha are that she be female, carrying at least 12 hours, and have a 2.0 GPA. For these female students, formal rush is held at the beginning of the fall semester, with informal rushes being held several times throughout the year. Posters giving times and dates of rush parties are always posted in nearly every building on campus. The Sigma Nu's (the men's fraternity) also have posters giving times and dates of their rush parties. So what if you don't receive a personal invitation? Isn't it worth the effort to come to a rush party and see for yourself what the Greek system is really about? I'd like to challenge people at Southern who have only wished they were Greek to go ahead and take the plunge. You may make some of those friendships that last a lifetime.

Sincerely,
Brooke Hale
President, Zeta Tau Alpha

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No regrets for time spent on 'Chart'

By Nancy Putnam
Associate Editor

Here it is, the column I've been both longing and dreading to write. For perhaps the first time since my freshman year I am at a total loss of words while I sit in front of this terminal. Saying goodbye is never easy, especially since I'm struggling not to be overly sentimental. Nobody likes a mushy reporter.

When I first walked into the cramped and cluttered Chart office my senior year in high school to check it out, I had a suspicion I might find myself spending a lot of time in there. Little did I realize it would also become a way of life. I think for the rest of my days I'm going to have an overwhelming urge to come down to the office to check for my next story assignments.

Yes, I think it is safe to say I may actually miss the headaches, the late nights, the demanding deadlines, and even Chad continually asking me if I have my stories done. I know now I'm not a



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sane person.

As is Chart tradition (and we place a lot of emphasis on tradition here), I would like to say goodbye and good luck to some mighty decent people.

Chad, sometimes I would get so frustrated at you, but I admire your knowledge of journalism so much. How many other 26-year-old advisers can say their staff won a Pacemaker award and consistently win top honors in state competition. It is a great credit to your dedication, leadership, and pushiness.

Of course I can't forget Mr. Massa. I have especially enjoyed your classroom humor. (You were trying to be funny, weren't you?) If I remember anything from your classes it is to "plan ahead," and one of these days I plan to do that.

Pat, the non-traditional, non-traditional student, you are proof no obstacle is too much to overcome when it comes to school. I hope you have a better year than this past one has been. I think you deserve that diploma more than anyone.

I wish I had some of your calmness, Mark. Does anything ever get you upset, besides working on the same layout table with me? I know you will do a great job of leading this paper to further suc-

cess next year.

JoAnn, how can you be so organized? You did a tremendous job with tremendous tasks this year. I think you should take another "Rocky" run up the National Archive steps, but this time watch out for security guards.

Mark, *The Mule*, you are a great sport. You take a lot of abuse from Ernstmann and the rest, but you deserve a lot of credit. By the way, when was your page done this week?

Keeping up with the city news can be quite a challenge, right, Rob? Do try to stay away from the porn shops, though, and continue your hard work.

Teresa and Melanie, what are we going to do with that club? Thanks for all your support this year. I appreciate it.

Bob, you may be the only one here at *The Chart* who is easy to work with. You will be a great teacher.

Rick, I think Chad wants us to do a follow-up on that pig farmer. You won't pass out this time, will you?

Mike, you were my greatest discovery this year! To all the other staffers, I hope you will learn to meet the challenge *The Chart* offers, and learn to respect it. It is no ordinary college newspaper and demands no ordinary students. You will never regret the sacrifices you make for *The Chart*.

Director has motto of 'Rise above it!'

By Milton Brietzke
Director of Theatre

The curtain is about to go up on the third act. Can it possibly top the excitement of Act II? If it is well-written and well-played, the answer is yes...yes, yes, yes! But whatever it holds, the show will go on. Act II began in late summer of 1956 when I moved to Joplin with my wife Trij and year-old son to join the 27-member faculty of Joplin Junior College as the speech and drama instructor. The summer weather had moderated to a steady 100 and along with September came a bumper crop of ragweed.

Having come from California, I had no idea that my wheezing, runny nose and eyes, coughing, and sleepless nights were caused by an allergic



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reaction. For several weeks as I struggled to settle in with a new career and a new community, my panacea became "Rise above it!"

Weather looms large in my memories of that first year. Following the intense heat and ragweed season came one of our famous ice storms—on opening night of my first production in the gym at 4th and Byers. Sixty brave souls constituted the total audience of a three-night run. We rose above it and the show went on. That spring when we had the first College Players Awards Banquet, thunder, lightning, and torrential rains provided sound and lighting effects.

That's the bad part. After all, a second act is always filled with complications and obstacles. The good part is that I wanted to do something and here I had an opportunity to do it. Does anyone deserve more of life than that?

I'm grateful for the 31 years spent in the com-

munity. I don't know how much I've taught, but I do know how much I've learned. I've been employed by Joplin Junior College, Jasper County Junior College, Missouri Southern College, and finally Missouri Southern State College. I've worked in a variety of theatre spaces—the old gym at 4th and Byers where I chose to do central staging, an auditorium and a little theatre converted from classrooms at 8th and Wall, the Barn Theatre, and the opulent Taylor Auditorium. Each phase, each space brought with it new challenges and new problems. The growth and changes have been exciting and rewarding. And, yes, at times frustrating and maddening. But never boring.

Teaching and directing have been the center of my life during this second act. Vacations have always included drinking at the well of other theatres in other places, refueling for the year ahead. My wife and two sons have worked with me, blending family and professional life. The

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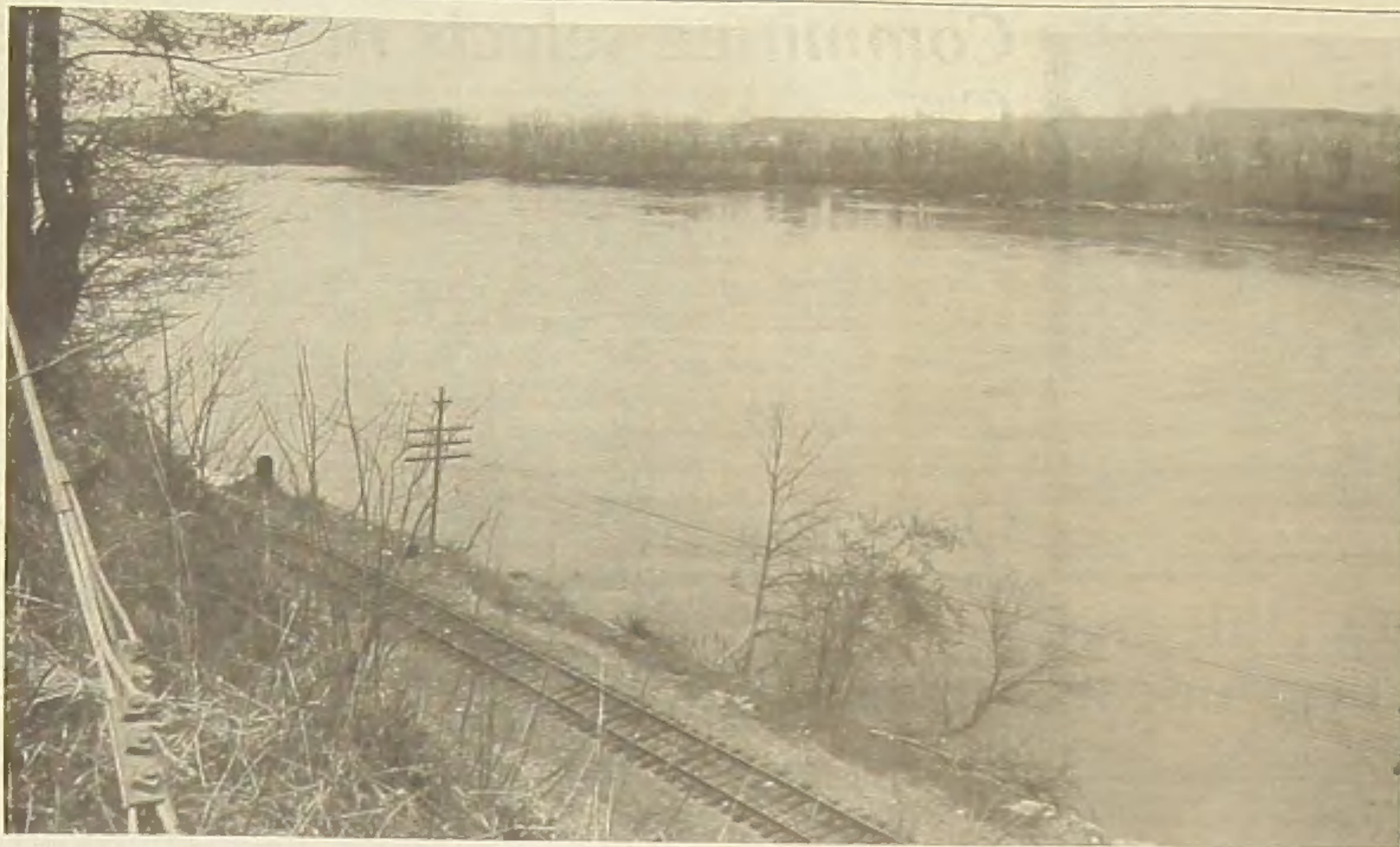
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Contaminated Just recently, the Missouri River was placed under a health advisory by the Missouri Department of Health. The advisory covers the river from Kansas City across the state to St. Louis. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Contamination prompts 15 health advisories

Department of Health issues warnings because fish contain dangerous levels of chlordane

One of the greatest problems facing Missouri fishermen is not where to find the fish, but where to find the lakes, rivers, and streams that are safe to fish.

Due to contamination caused by the pesticide chlordane, 15 rivers, lakes, and streams in Missouri are currently under health advisories because certain species of fish found in these waterways are not safe to eat.

The advisories were issued because the fish were found to contain a level of chlordane high enough to increase one's risk of cancer.

While the risk is a small one, health officials believe it is significant enough to issue the warnings. Missouri, to date, has more water under advisory than any other state. This could stem from the fact that Missouri is receiving money for such research programs through a state conservation tax.

Kansas, too, has been experiencing problems with contamination. State officials are currently conducting research and expect to find similar results.

While the cause of the contamination is not completely agreed upon, health and conservation officials believe there could be at least three reasons for it—agricultural run-off, residential run-off, and misuse.

Chlordane, however, has been allowed by the EPA to remain on the market as a termite killer.

"The pollution is primarily coming from legal application of the chemical," said Steve Weithman, water quality research supervisor for the Missouri Department of Conservation. "It is still used as a termite control. People spray it around the foundations of their houses, and it gets into the soil."

Once into the soil, the pesticide residue makes its way to the waterways where it pollutes them, and subsequently the fish.

The same was true for agricultural use, except for on a much larger scale. Chlordane was a popular pesticide, and the soil became polluted with it, and it eventually reached numerous lakes and rivers. For this reason, the EPA banned it for agricultural use in 1978.

"The EPA is still looking into the problem," Weithman said. "They are trying to determine if the pollution is caused by the legal use. Right now, they are reviewing evidence."

According to Weithman, the misapplication of the chemical is not extensive enough to produce the problems found in Missouri. He feels agricultural run-off is not the reason either, since some of the most severe damage is in urban areas.

The EPA is expected to make some

changes. It has already recommended that chlordane be administered by only trained specialists and handlers of the chemical. The agency's final decision is expected this summer.

A spokesman for Velsicol Chemical Corporation, maker of chlordane, said it used according to the label directions, the chemical is completely safe.

Gale Carlson, environmental specialist for the Missouri Department of Health, agrees.

"The Department of Health basically believes that if applied correctly, chlordane is a valuable product and its use should continue. It is a great termiticide," said Carlson. "The problem is the leakage."

The Department of Health believes something needs to be done, though, and thinking is that the easiest thing to do is pull chlordane's registration.

"The EPA has asked the manufacturers of the chemical to voluntarily restrict sales to registered dealers only," said Carlson. "This won't help solve the problem. The dealers are many times the most at fault. There are many cases of misapplication."

While chlordane can contaminate the fish, it is not harmful to humans unless a contaminated fish is eaten. Even then, a large amount of fish over an extended period of time must be ingested. Catching

and handling the fish presents no problem.

"Chlordane-contaminated waters pose no threat to swimmers either," said Weithman. "They are not exposed to levels high enough to be harmful."

Just recently, the Missouri and Mississippi rivers were added to the list of waterways containing dangerous levels of chlordane. Fish were said to be contaminated in the Missouri River from Kansas City to St. Louis, and in the Mississippi River from St. Louis to the bootheel region.

Closer to home, the James River and Wilson Creek, both near Springfield, are said to contain certain species of fish that are contaminated. Both waterways also have been placed under an advisory.

To date, there is no sign of a method to clean up the existing pollution, nor is there a sign of a way to curb or control the use of it.

"The EPA is currently conducting a study," said Weithman, "but once it is in the water, it won't be too easy to clean."

Carlson agrees. "All that can help now is time. Even if you ban it today completely, there will still be problems. It'll be around for a long time."

Chlordane threatens Missouri's fishermen

Chlordane, once a popular pesticide, is now gaining publicity as a health hazard.

Used by farmers to keep crops healthy and disease-free, the pesticide has been completely banned for agricultural use. The Environmental Protection Agency called for the ban in 1978 after suspicions were raised concerning the safety of the pesticide.

Chlordane is actually the generic name for chlorinated hydrocarbons that are obtained from certain coal tar derivatives. It is a member of a group of synthetic organics that have been introduced in the last 15 years. When first developed, the pesticide was used heavily by farmers and revolutionized their battle against crop diseases.

However, the toxic residue left by the pesticide can stay in the soil for as long as 30 years. When the contaminated soil is washed into rivers and lakes by rain, the soil already at the bottom of the waterways becomes contaminated, also. Fish that feed on the bottom of these waterways consume the chemical, which collects in the fatty tissue, causing the hazards to humans who eat them.

According to *The Encyclopedia of Chemistry, Second Edition*, chlordane is defined as a "colorless, odorless, viscous liquid...soluble in many organic solvents and insoluble in water."

The encyclopedia also said the pesticide represents a "hazard, toxic by ingestion, inhalation, and skin absorption. Use has been restricted and was discontinued in 1983 except for termite control."

Over the years, more and more literature has appeared addressing the dangers involved, especially in regard to the toxic residue.

Steve Weithman, water quality research supervisor for the Missouri Department of Conservation, said chlordane is a "suspected carcinogen."

"If you continue to eat the contaminated fish over a lifetime, it can increase your chances of cancer," said Weithman. "It does depend on how long and how regularly you eat it."

Eating the chlordane-contaminated fish poses no immediate health risks, but health officials are still concerned about the long-term risks involved.

The severity of the risks depends on a number of factors, according to Gale Carlson, an environmental specialist for the Missouri Department of Health. He, too, said the level of contamination and how often the fish are eaten are two factors involved.

The Food and Drug Administration has said fish containing a concentration of 300 or more parts per billion can potentially increase one's risk of cancer. Some of the fish already studied have had concentrations as high as 2,000 to 3,000 parts per billion.

Carlson cited some specific examples of fish and what the dangers would be if eaten.

He said the typical chlordane level of catfish found in the Kansas City area was 777 parts per billion.

"In your lifetime, if you eat 29.5 pounds of catfish with that level of chlordane, you will increase your risk of cancer by 1/100,000," said Carlson.

Similarly, if 295 pounds of catfish are eaten, the risk increases to 1/10,000.

"We are concerned mostly with people who fish for economic reasons," Carlson said. "It is not unusual for them to eat fish four to five times a week."

The most highly contaminated fish found to date has been a sturgeon from the bootheel region of the state. Its chlordane level was 2,968 parts per billion.

In addition to being a possible carcinogen, the pesticide is also known to cause chronic liver damage in humans, and is currently causing problems in the immune and nervous systems of experimental animals.

The EPA has been criticized by some for not banning the pesticide completely. It is still in the process of reviewing evidence and conducting research of its own before taking further steps.

Currently, only New York and Massachusetts have imposed state-wide bans on the once-popular pesticide.

Simpson has wrong idea

In last week's issue of *The Chart* Dr. Simpson gave us his perspective on one of the problems with this campus. He did not focus on those students that just do not belong at an institution of higher education. Instead, his aim was at those that belong here, but because they work, just should not be on campus. In other words (mostly Dr. Simpson's words), many of the "90 per cent of [Southern's] students are non-residential...[and] work to pay for their college education," should not be here. I think it should be noted—since many of 90 per cent is probably a majority of students—that without working students, not too many would be left on campus.

Dr. Simpson then expressed his concern for "the great number of these students who fail to make deadlines for assignments because their jobs interfere," and later in the same paragraph implies that college instructors should be able to "fire" a student for not doing the work on time. The words that come to mind are a faculty drop, an F for the course, and academic probation which are, for the instructor, tantamount to the student being "fired."

Then Dr. Simpson brings up a hypothetical situation of one who works from 1:00 to 10:00 and cannot get to the library. This is the person—according to Simpson—that inevitably asks for an extension. In my classes, I have found that non-working students ask for extensions more often than working students. It seems as though the working student knows his/her responsibilities and busts

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his/her butt trying to make the deadline without complaining. They accept the responsibility and therefore, act responsibly. The immature, irresponsible people will be the ones to plead for make-ups.

Still, he continues by saying that faculty members are "sending the wrong signals to all [their] students" by giving students the impression "that the college course is less important than the job you have." Quite honestly, no instructor that I have had has ever put that idea into my head. Nor have I been led into believing that "missing deadlines is all right" or that I can "plead and bargain [my] way out of suffering the consequences of my own mistakes." If that is the way Dr. Simpson conducts his classroom, I strongly advise him to consult with his colleagues to find how they handle their classrooms and, consequently, he can save himself "a great deal of moral anguish."

In my opinion, the root of Dr. Simpson's complaint is embedded in the amount of responsibility contained within a person, not whether they work or not. I feel more consideration should go to this point as opposed to solving the problem where the problem doesn't exist.

Now, if you will please excuse me, I have to go to work.

Thomas L. Bartkowiak



Harmful

Wilson Creek, near Springfield, contains catfish and carp with dangerous chlordane levels. It, too, is under a health advisory. (Chart photo by Mark Ernstmann)

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Laying out

For Missouri Southern students Audrey Walker and Tiffany Jakse, the sunny weather and warmer temperatures of the past week provide an opportunity for sunbathing.

Honor society, club exist for mathematics students

Hopes for more members stem from rise in majors

Kappa Mu Epsilon was established at Missouri Southern in 1975 and is the oldest honor society on campus.

Southern's chapter, the Missouri Iota, was the second honor society founded on campus. It became the oldest with the breakup of Beta Beta Beta two years ago.

"I felt there was something to be gained by being in KME," said Mary Elick, assistant professor of mathematics and faculty sponsor to the group.

Elick was a member of the Missouri Alpha chapter at Southwest Missouri State University, which was the first Kappa Mu Epsilon chapter in the state.

Elick has just returned from the national Kappa Mu Epsilon convention held in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Elick and a student, Julie Styrewalt, attended the convention April 2-5.

Styrewalt served on a resolutions committee, and Elick was on a judging committee in the national organization. Elick judged papers submitted by students from over 30 schools. No one from Southern entered this contest this year.

During the four days, the two attended meetings and, at the end of the convention, a beach party at Mora Beach.

The national convention is held every two years with the regional meetings held on the off years. Southern was suggested as a site for the Region Four KME convention next year, but the group has not yet decided whether it will take place here.

To become a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon "a student must have at least three semesters of college math, including Calculus I and II, have a 'B' average in all mathematics courses, and be in the upper one-third of their class," said Elick. "Membership is by invitation only."

Seventeen new members were initiated into the group this spring.

"We'd like to see an increase in membership," said Elick. "There was a little increase in math majors this year so we're hoping (to gain members)."

This year's officers are Melinda Robinson, president; Melissa Landers, vice president; Angela Noyes, secretary/treasurer; and Susan Paulson, historian. Next year's officers will be elected at a meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

Although Kappa Mu Epsilon is an honor society, students interested in mathematics may join the Math Club.

According to Elick, Math Club "incorporates" KME members.

Math club usually has a float trip in the fall, a Christmas party, and a cookout in the spring. A date for this year's cookout is to be decided upon at the meeting tomorrow.

Meetings are held once per month. When the group is not planning an activity at a meeting, a presentation may be given by a faculty member or a student.

"We have a good group of students," said Elick. "And we're looking forward to a good year next year. Our members are going to be busy."

Committee selects new officers

Completing the selection of candidates for its upper positions, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) appointed new officers Friday.

The committee in charge of selection consisted of Val Williams, coordinator of student activities; Doug Carnahan, director of student life; Tony Wilson, current CAB president (except for the applications for president); and some of the senior members of the Board—those who will not be active in the CAB within the next academic year.

Again, Wilson was selected president. The other executive officers include Jill Cole, executive vice president/director of Homecoming; Staci Daugherty, vice president; and Monica Edie, secretary.

According to Williams, the executive

vice president/director of Homecoming position was created this year in order to have a CAB member work expressly with the 50th anniversary Homecoming.

"The CAB is responsible for the talent show, the cookout, Homecoming royalty, the fashion show, and whatever activities that go with Homecoming," said Williams.

Under the executive officers, nine students filled committee chairman positions. These committees are chaired or co-chaired as follows: Pat Creech, "Coffeehouse;" Jeff Morrissey, Concerts; Sherry Murray, Cultural Affairs; Teresa Doss, Dances; Lori LeBahn and Sara Woods, Lectures; Pat Nagel and Jeff Turner, Movies; Mary Floyd, Special Events; and Rebekah Williams, Tour and

Travel.

"We are glad to have seven freshmen filling positions on the executive board," Williams said. "Some of these positions require a lot of work and experience."

"We want to train these members (the chairmen) and keep them for as long as possible—for two to three years."

Williams said the committee chairman positions came open since two chairmen will be graduating this semester, one will be graduating this summer, two took on full-time jobs, one's grade point average has gone too low, and one resigned.

The new officers/chairmen are to begin work in their positions by Friday, May 1.

Williams said, "We are wanting the new chairmen to step in as soon as possible to get their feet wet in their positions."

Organization's members hone skills

Chess is not to be perceived as old man's or intellectual's game

By Dave Green
Staff Writer

Playing chess is a good way of understanding life in that it teaches persons they cannot do too many or too few things at once.

"You really have to think about your options a lot in order to be a competent chess player," said Michael Hillman, president of the Chess Club at Missouri Southern. "The winner has to be able to coordinate all his moves and know when he has an opportunity to improve his position in the game."

Hillman, who has played chess for about 10 years, said the game develops a high degree of concentration in the player and "keeps the old gray matter in top form."

Arthur Strobel, the club's faculty adviser, said he sees the game as a substitute for war.

"It's an intense mental game as opposed to baseball, basketball, or war," Strobel said. "A player must have the ability to see several plays in advance of where he is. This is the strategy aspect of the game."

Strobel said chess is a game that is heavily dependent on skills, strategy, and tactics, and involves almost no chance.

"It is hard to say just exactly what chess

is," he said. "Many are not sure whether it is a science, an art, a game, or a sport, although I believe it is becoming a science."

Strobel, who has been playing the game for about 40 years, said what he finds most exciting about the game is the "endless variety" of plays possible.

"It is virtually impossible to play two games of chess in exactly the same way," he said. "As a matter of fact, it has been calculated that there are more than 10¹⁷ ways to play a game of chess. That is more than the total estimated number of molecules in the universe."

Hillman said he enjoys the one-on-one competition of chess.

"A lot of people make a big deal out of the white advantage of being the first to move," said Hillman, "but I don't believe it is that strong. There is no game that holds its opponents more equally."

"Each player has his equipment, and whoever is more capable of utilizing it more efficiently wins."

Chess Club was re-organized last fall after having been on inactive status for some time.

"We have 31 members at present and have had an on-going ladder tournament between them since the fall," said Strobel.

The ladder tournament operates with

all of the members' names drawn at random and placed on a roster. Players then may challenge anyone one or two places higher than their own standings.

There are no level-of-proficiency requirements for membership in the group, and members will be glad to help those with a sincere desire to learn the game, said Strobel.

And this adds one more dimension to the challenge of chess, Hillman said—the chance to beat the teacher.

"That was a landmark for me—when I finally beat the guy who taught me how to play," said Hillman. "I only did it once, but it still meant a lot to me."

For persons who perceive chess as an old man's or an intellectual's pastime, Strobel said a young player reaches his prime in his 30s.

Hillman added that while chess has a "cerebral image, it's not stuffy or stodgy."

"I think that the make-up of the club shows this," he said. "We have football players, honors students, some females, and one of the Puerto Rican exchange students as members. So we are diverse."

Those wanting more information about the club may contact Strobel in Room 225, Reynolds Hall, or at Ext. 415.

Business group attends state conference

Phi Beta Lambda members return from Jefferson City with leadership awards

Members of Missouri Southern's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) attended a state leadership conference April 10-11 in Jefferson City.

Ten students and three faculty advisers

from Southern attended the conference.

The students competed in 20 categories of written and oral examinations including the areas of marketing, business decision-making, impromptu speaking, economics, and business law.



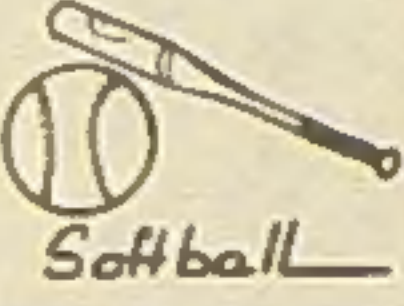
Four students from Southern received awards. Those students are Loraine Robinett, second place in information management; Steve Bryant, third in impromptu speaking; Don Didlot, third in the management category; and Michael Searly, third in Data Processing I.

The other Southern students attending the conference included Terri Honeyball, Leah Keppen, Delores Motley, Wanda Schreiwies, Darren Woods, and Kay Wright.

The purpose of PBL and the conference is to give college students the opportunity to develop vocational competencies for business and office occupations and business teacher education.

Phi Beta Lambda has four more activities for its members coming up this semester. They are: tomorrow's meeting at noon in Room 304, Matthews Hall; a picnic at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the H & L Driving Range on 13th Street; the registration for the March of Dimes "Walk America" Saturday; and a meeting at 12:20 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in Room 304, Matthews Hall, for the election of officers for the next academic year.

Upcoming Events

Today	English Club noon BSC 311	Campus Activities Board 3 p.m. BSC 310	Newman Club 5 p.m. BSC 311	Concert Missouri Southern Concert Band 8 p.m. Taylor Auditorium
Tomorrow	 Baseball	Baseball CSIC post-season tournament TBA Friday and Saturday	Softball CSIC tournament TBA Friday and Saturday away	CAB Megathon '87 MDA superdance 'Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now' Fred Hughes Stadium parking lot, 8 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Saturday [for more info, call 625-9320]
Saturday				
Monday		Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC 311	 Softball	Softball Lady Lions Invitational Tournament TBA Monday and Tuesday (here)
Tuesday	Baseball vs. Southwest Missouri State 4 p.m. here	Movie 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Connor Ballroom Runaway Train	Community Concert —Peter Nero— 8 p.m. Taylor Auditorium	
Wednesday	Song Artist Robin Crow 10:30 a.m. Lions' Den	Honors Convocation 11 a.m. Taylor Auditorium	International Club 2:30 p.m. BSC 306	Dance w/ C. Fox & Co. 9 p.m. 3rd floor BSC

STUDENT SENATE ELECTIONS

Monday, April 27
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
BSC Stairwell

President:

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☐ Mike Garoutte

Vice President:

- ☐ Mark Mulik
☐ Lori LeBahn

Secretary:

- ☐ Robert Stokes

Treasurer:

- ☐ Mike Daugherty

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Hobby In an art class, Sheila Myers learns to make jewelry for a hobby and for practical use. (Photo by Rick Evans)

Jewelry making creates enthusiasm

Students learn 'practical hobby' with three basic steps in beginning class

Making jewelry can be fun as well as practical for many Missouri Southern students.

"It's fun," said Chris Wiseman. "I got into it as a hobby, but it is also practical because I can set a shop at home and make use of my knowledge."

According to Garry Hess, assistant professor of art, there are three basic steps the students learn in the beginning class.

First, the students learn how to design or construct the molds. Next, they learn what is called the lost wax casting, which is the actual forming of the mold. Finally, they learn to forge or shape the metal into the desired product.

"Jewelry making is a very personal thing," said Hess. "The students know how hard they have worked and how

much time they have put in to their project."

"I have always loved to work with metal," said Guy Johnson, jewelry student. "I made a trip to Egypt and came back amazed with their style in jewelry."

"After returning from overseas, I decided to take the jewelry class offered at Southern."

Johnson is a retired engineer and is enrolled in the jewelry class in order to open a business of jewelry design and repair.

According to the students, the great thing about taking a jewelry class is that one does not have to know much about jewelry in order to enjoy it.

"When I enrolled in the class, I didn't know anything about jewelry," said Cin-

die Heikkila, a jewelry student. "And it's great because you don't have to know a lot."

According to Johnson, the students and Hess make the class interesting and fun.

"I love the students," said Johnson. "Their interest and enthusiasm is amazing, and they all work hard and really put their hearts into it."

"We have an outstanding instructor who really goes overboard to help the students," he added.

"He really knows what he's doing," said Heikkila. "He is also very experienced."

"There is a satisfaction of knowing you have something you have created and knowing that nobody else has anything just like it," said Hess.

Students see paperwork 'come to life'

Directing projects materialize due to hard work for class credit in Directing I

Materializing the paperwork of student directors in Directing I, the Studio 87 production will be the last production of the year.

The project is part of the class credit that must be completed by student directors.

"The best part of directing is working with something for so long and then seeing it come to life," said Linden Taylor, student director of *Home At Six*.

Seeing a project materialize is due to the hard work involved.

Directors spend so much time on a play when they finally see the finished product

it is amazing and thrilling, said Janet Kemm, student director of *The Actor's Nightmare*.

These plays will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, in the Barn Theatre. It is open free to the public.

The cast for *Home At Six*, written by Lee Falk, includes: Trij Brietzke as Grams, Douglas Hill as Tim, Renee Arbogast as Marge, Sarah Sexton as Kit, Melissa Cytron as Maude, Lyndall Burrow as John, and Robert Luther as Bob.

The cast for *The Actor's Nightmare*, written by Christopher Durang, includes:

Don Hovis as George Spelvin, Vicki Deneiro as Meg, Jennifer Mountjoy as Sarah Siddons, Karen Hill as Dame Ellen Terry, Brad Ellefsen as Sir Henry Irving, and Rick Evans as The Man with a Camera.

The Studio 87's production staff includes: Evans, program cover design; Janet McCormick, *Home At Six* costumes; Gay Burns, *The Actor's Nightmare* costumes; Nanda Vylonis, stage manager; Dawn Ehrenberg, house manager; and Todd Webber, Allan McGowne, and DuWana Cargile, lighting.

Film Society presents 'first class work'

Presenting the final film of the year, the Missouri Southern Film Society will follow up its series with *Between Two Worlds*.

This award-winning Italian film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. It is available through financial assistance provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Being Mario Bolognini's first film, *Between Two Worlds* was in the highest rank

of Italian directors of the 1960's and 70's. The film has been noted as being a film of savagery and black humor with psychological insight and compassion.

The film reveals the crisis suffered by a family of five. Four members are cognitively demented, but the oldest brother is normal. He has hopes of leading a normal life, but his younger brother kills his blind mother and semi-catatonic brother. The climax of this tragedy is when the sister learns of the murders.

Robert Hatch of *The Nation* said the film was "a first class work by the most exciting and individualistic director to emerge in a number of years."

Time Magazine said the film was "visually stunning in the best tradition of Italian neo-realism."

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students or by season tickets.

Grammy Award winner to perform in Taylor

Peter Nero believes 'painstaking attention' should be given to pop music

Peter Nero, a multi-faceted performer, will present a concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

Nero has been the music director of the Philly Pops since 1979 and has many innovative ideas in the area of pop music.

He believes that the same painstaking attention should be given to pop music as

well as the works of the great masters.

After studying for 15 years in the field of classical music, he broke from tradition and entered the area of pop music.

Nero, a Juilliard scholarship student, went on to receive eight Grammy nominations and two Grammy Awards.

His theme music for the film *Summer of '42* turned gold.

He introduced Americans to "The Nero Style," which is an innovative combination of jazz and traditional music.

The concert will be sponsored by the Joplin Community Concert Association. Entrance to the concert is by Association membership only.



Flying kites Area children were invited by the Spiva Art Center to learn how to make kites. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Veterans Receiving Educational Benefits

Veterans planning to attend Missouri Southern the summer semester are encouraged to contact the Office of Veterans Affairs as soon as possible. Veterans currently attending Southern need to complete a certification/application for summer and/or fall semesters.

Transferring students must also complete a "change of place of training" form. Failure to contact the OVA regarding your intent to enroll may result in a delay of your benefits.

Additional information may be received by contacting the Veteran Affairs Office, Hearnes Hall, Room 114-F or by calling 624-8100, ext. 229.

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Coming Attractions

KANSAS CITY	Biloxi Blues begins Saturday Midland Theatre	Corpse through Sunday Waldo Astoria	Doug Henning magician May 1 Music Hall	Wayne Newton May 2 Starlight Theatre
Steve Lawrence Eydie Gorme May 1 & 2 Midland Theatre dinner theatre	Camelot with Richard Harris May 5 Midland Theatre	Two Orphans of The Storm through May 12 135th & Holmes dinner theatre	Itzhak Perlman violinist May 13 Music Hall	Victor Borge conducts K.C. Symphony May 13 RLDS Auditorium
Tulsa	Eddie Money today River Parks Amphitheatre	CONCERTS	Mamas & The Papas Saturday Brady Theatre	Body Building Championships May 2 Brady Theatre
	Nell Diamond May 5 Mabee Center	Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn May 8 Mabee Center	The Nylons May 19 Chapman Music Hall	
Joplin	Megathon '87 Friday & Saturday Hughes Stadium Parking lot	5th Annual Walk for Hospice May 2 Cunningham Park & Malden Lane	Branson	Janie Fricke Saturday Celebrity Theatre



Addresses Council

Joplin's City Council listens to Otto Parish speak pertaining to sewer problems along Zora Street and an odor from Hudson Foods. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Fluoridation issue still unresolved

City Council votes to end garbage service for commercial businesses

When Fred King presented City Clerk Joy Thompson with a petition against fluoridation, he and Thompson expected the total to force further City Council action.

King, a member of the Joplin Pure Water Association, and the petition fall 18 signatures short of the needed total.

At Monday's meeting of the Joplin City Council, Thompson verified that the petition opposing fluoridation is now sufficient.

Council member Cheryl Dandridge, who said she is in favor of fluoridation, wants to avoid the cost of a special election and hopes the Council will make the final decision. Councilman Donald Goetz also wants to avoid the expenses involved in a special election. The special election would cost Joplin taxpayers about \$10,000.

Dandridge proposed that the Council repeal its previous action and have proponents of fluoridation circulate their own petition to encourage introducing fluoride into the water system. The Council voted unanimously to repeal the ordinance.

Ed Landreth, 2510 Minnesota, addressed the Council, complimenting it on

favoring the fluoridation issue.

"I feel confident that the citizens of Joplin will favor this," Landreth said.

The Council decided to take away the garbage collection service from Joplin commercial businesses.

Councilman Earl Carr argued that tenants would eventually pay the additional costs given to owners of apartment complexes. He believes those living in apartments should have the same trash collection privileges.

Councilman Bill Secaree pointed out that a Missouri court ruling determined any apartment complex with five or more units is a commercial business. The Council voted by a 6-3 margin in favor of the state ruling. Mayor Donald Clark, Goetz, and Carr provided the "No" votes.

Secaree then asked for an end to all commercial garbage collection service. Members voted 7-2, with Councilman Clyde Morrison and Carr dissenting.

The Council heard Otto Parish, 1413 Zora, pertaining to sewer service to Zora Street.

"I have some land I would like to develop, but without sewer service it would be virtually impossible," Parish said. "If you go along Zora, you can see

raw sewage running out into the street ditch."

Parish also mentioned an odor problem he linked to the Hudson Foods plant in the area.

"There is a very disturbing odor in the north part of Joplin," he said. "This odor continues; it's almost unbearable."

"We hate to be continually complaining and continually a pest to city councilmen, to the company up there, to the health department, but I just feel there isn't any excuse for that (odor) to continue."

City Manager Leonard Martin said he has met with officials at Hudson Foods and is currently working on an ordinance.

In other business, the Council voted unanimously in approving a special use permit to Sandra Wade for operating a child-care home at 714 North Pearl.

The Council approved a special use permit for the purpose of providing meeting rooms and facilities for persons in the fellowship's self-help support groups at 1800 East 30th. Several Council members were concerned about a potential dust problem in the area.

Group works to draw filmmakers to Missouri

Movies are no longer just made in California

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

While all 50 states and at least 30 cities have some type of film commission, Gary Conder does not want his organization to be thought of as the Missouri Film Commission.

"We are a section of the economic development department," said Conder, who directs the program which was formed three years ago. "There are 16 members of an advisory council that meets every quarter."

The group tries to bring money into the state by attracting movies, commercials, music videos, and television shows to do filming in Missouri. Conder said there are "a couple of projects looming," but currently has no positive commitments.

The best opportunity for the Joplin area might be a film called *On the Edge*. The film has a 1930's setting, and producers have looked into locations in Pierce City, Republic, Springfield, and Joplin.

"The key for a community is for it to have an extremely unusual set," Conder said. "The key is finding those really unusual sets."

"I was driving on some of the back roads and drove through Pierce City. There is one block that is right out of the 1930's. It's untouched and it's real."

Conder said some of the films can put a "tremendous" amount of money into an area. One of Conder's most recent projects was landing the film *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*, starring Steve Martin and John Candy. Director John Hughes, who also did *The Breakfast Club*, is filming part of the movie in Missouri. Filmmakers used nearly \$20,000 to produce artificial snow to give the movie a Thanksgiving effect.

"That film put \$1.5 million into the St. Louis area," Conder said. "It provided an average on \$180,000 a day."

Conder said money from movies goes into anything from hotels, restaurants, and car rentals to paying extras on the set.

The film industry is a \$16 billion business. While in the past a large portion of that money was spent in California, today much of the money is being spent elsewhere.

"Out of 156 mainstream films last year, only 56 were shot in California," said Conder. "The reason is there is a new breed of independent film producers."

"These guys can go out and make these films cheaper."

In 1986 more than 50 video productions including commercials, television shows, movies, and music videos were made, at least in part, in Missouri.

Conder said the producers and directors have three main interests when they look into the possibility of filming in Missouri.

"First, they look into the cities like St. Louis," he said. "They may use the (Gateway) Arch in a car commercial that gives the impression of traveling across the country."

"Some of them are interested in the Ozarks. They used the Branson area for Porsche commercials. They also look for farms where they can film tractor or herbicide commercials."

Amerika was looking for a small town in the Midwest and was seriously considering Marshall before deciding on Tecumseh, Neb.

Music videos were made by groups such as *REO Speedwagon* and Phil Collins.

Combat High was filmed entirely in Missouri in locations in Booneville, Kansas City, Liberty, and Independence.

"Joplin is an anchor city," said Conder. "I'm sure Joplin stands to gain from anything filmed within a 45-minute drive."

"Joplin provides the accommodations and airplanes some filmmakers look for when they shoot in a smaller town."

Conder said some of the best areas near the city would be the "chat pits near Joplin." Conder said they would "be great for a desert-like location." Joplin also would benefit from any film made in northeast Oklahoma or southeast Kansas.

"Carthage has one of the most picturesque, Norman Rockwell town squares," Conder said. "Several producers are interested in Carthage."

According to Conder, before his committee was formed, the movie *The Natural* scouted Joe Becker Stadium in Joplin. The makers were looking for a "wooden" facility with an old ballpark appearance.

Area store employs deep discounting

May's chain has been in Joplin since 1937, changes to drug warehouse

By John Ford
Staff Writer

As a means of attracting new business, five May's Drug Stores have completed their conversion to drug warehouses.

One of the reasons for the changeover to a drug warehouse format in Oklahoma's largest family drug chain was that May's had recently purchased 11 former Echeverri drug stores in the Tulsa area. The company made these smaller stores (under 10,000 square feet) drug stores, which would carry departments which were not really profitable, such as sporting goods and hardware. The larger warehouses (above 15,000 square feet) would drop these underachievers, while concentrating upon pharmaceuticals and cosmetics. These stores would also employ a new pricing strategy known as deep discounting.

"Most companies work on a markup system," said Tim Reed, Joplin district manager. "In the deep discounting approach you discount everything you sell, and hope your volume will increase to

make up for the percentage you lose."

May's officials believe the new acquisitions will increase sales volume by over 100 per cent.

May's Drug Store originated in Joplin in 1937 and was started by Isidore Heller and Harry Ludmeyer. It was one of the first self-service drug stores in the Midwest. Currently the chain's president is Gerald Heller.

With the recent conversion, the store has discontinued some departments, such as sporting goods and hardware.

"Right now we carry health and beauty aids, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, fragrances, foods, paper, and cleaning supplies," Reed said.

Prior to the recent changeover, May's tried the drug warehouse concept in Tulsa.

"We tested the concept in the Tulsa area for three and a half years," said Reed. "At the time we were one of the first companies in the U.S. to try deep discounting."

Although sporting goods have been deleted from the store, May's will continue carrying Boy Scout equipment.

"We decided to keep our Boy Scout

department, but we've moved it to our store at 32nd and Main," Reed said.

In addition to these changes, other major modifications have been made at the store, including the doubling of the size of the baby toy department.

"(Another) major change is the per cent we discount on items at the store," said Reed.

According to Reed, the amount of discounts range from 10 per cent to 50 per cent.

May's currently employs over 400 people. There are 27 stores, most of which are in the Tulsa area. Joplin currently has two May's stores, while both Oklahoma City and Miami have one each. Currently, the drug warehouses average over \$4 million in revenue.

Company officials believe the concept to be a growth area for May's and feel it feasible for the first store to have a volume at maturity between \$7 million and \$8 million. Expectations for the second store are higher; management looks for volume at maturity to be \$10 million.



Changing

May's Stores, despite changing over to a discount drug warehouse, plans to keep its liquor department.

TeleAuction nets \$178,000

With all the frantic buying and selling coming to a close, this year's TeleAuction raised over \$178,000.

The TeleAuction is held yearly in a joint effort by KOZK, a PBS station in Springfield, and KOZJ, its sister satellite station in Joplin.

"We didn't reach our goal (of \$200,000), but all in all we are very pleased with the results," said Kathryn Lima, station manager for KOZJ.

The televised auction was broadcast for nine days from April 9-17. Area merchants and businesses donated items for the auction.

A sapphire bracelet, a Yugo car, and a Baldwin piano brought in the highest amount for any single items during the TeleAuction. The bracelet was sold for \$4,100, and the car was sold for \$4,050.

These items were sold in the Thursday Showcase during the TeleAuction.

"The amazing thing about the Showcase items was that they brought in about a 73 per cent return on their assigned value," said Lima. "The average item brings in only about 64 per cent of their value."

"The advantage in buying some of the higher-priced items from the auction is you don't have to pay sales tax," she pointed out.

The Kids Auction held on a Saturday morning was also a particularly successful part of the auction. During this segment, children were on air auctioning off items for other children.

Lima said college students were able to find things in their price range during the youth auction held each day between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

During these segments high school students auctioned off youth-oriented goods, such as T-shirts from various colleges and universities around the nation.

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theatre staff and students throughout the years are like an extended family; we care about each other deeply and personally.

I treasure the discipline that theatre work imposes. If one is to survive one learns that there is always an answer to a problem, that the easy answer is not always the best answer. To quote Thomas H. Huxley, "Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly." When disaster strikes you pick yourself up, brush yourself off, and start all over again. (Which may be another way of saying "Rise above it!")

What happened to Act II? True to form, it was preparation for the following acts. I would not trade my formal educational opportunities "for the rice in China. Is there much rice in China?" Perhaps

because higher education means so much to me I have never quite learned not to bleed when I have bright talented students who opt to drop out of college to make payments on a new car, accepting a routine boring job because a paycheck now is more important than a lifetime of awareness and fulfillment. A mind is a terrible thing to waste.

Having thoroughly enjoyed Acts I and II, I'm looking forward to Act III—retirement—with great anticipation. I don't plan to rock and talk about the good old days. (Although one of the rewards of being old enough to have a past is that there are so many fond and funny memories.) You 20-year-olds out there will never believe me, but my experience tells me that life gets better and better all the time. I'm not sure I want to get out of the fast lane, maybe just take a different direction. I want to remain useful, as I sincerely believe we should all pay rent for the space we occupy on this planet. I want to see a lot of the sights on the planet (and

maybe one or two others) in a month other than August. Washington D.C. when the cherry trees blossom, New England when the maples turn, the Northwest Coast at the height of the rhododendron season. I want to pick up piano lessons again and perhaps voice lessons and work at them until I'm good enough to enjoy hearing myself. I want to read and read and read just for the fun of it. I want to spend time with my two grandsons—the 3-year-old is almost old enough to introduce to the sheer joy of seeing the St. Louis Cardinals win a baseball game at Busch Stadium or in the splendor of some of the regional Shakespeare festivals. There are so many things yet to do. I hope to continue to live in such a way that when that final curtain comes down, I can say mistakes? many; regrets? none! Come to think of it, "Rise above it" wouldn't look bad carved on the old tombstone. What's a show without a curtain call?

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Cheerleading Workshop

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday
at Young Gymnasium
Tryouts on Thursday
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact Val Williams
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Volleyball Tournament

Sponsored by
the Care Club
Date: May 3
Teams consist of
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faculty, staff)
Prizes: 1st—\$30 and
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2nd—T-shirts
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Fee: \$10 per team
Deadline: April 25
Contact: Nabil Husni
in Reynolds Hall 212
624-8100, Ext. 411



Softball

Upcoming Games (Home games in all caps)

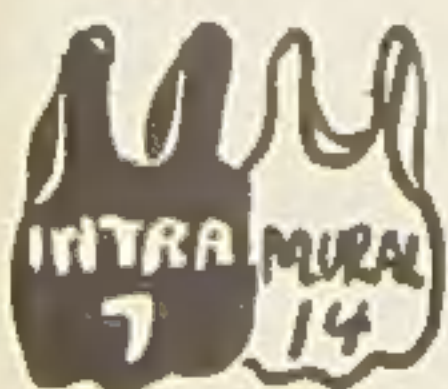
4-24 CSIC Tourney TBA
4-25 CSIC Tourney TBA
4-28 District 16 TBA
5-1 Dist. 16 Final 4 TBA
5-2 Dist. 16 Final 4 TBA



Baseball

Upcoming Games (Home games in all caps)

4-23 William Jewell 2:30
4-24 CSIC Tourney TBA
4-25 CSIC Tourney TBA
4-28 SW MISSOURI 4:00
4-29 Arkansas 7:00



Intramurals Softball Results

Longballs def. And
They're Moist, 16-6.
Bad Attitudes def.
Longballs, 9-8.
Last Chance def. And
They're Moist, 11-4.
And They're Moist def.
Sluggers, forfeit.
Last Chance def.
Longballs, forfeit.
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Longballs, forfeit.

Lady Lions sweep pair from Gussies

Ladies gear up for conference play

Two more games were entered in the scorebook as wins yesterday as the Lady Lions defeated Pittsburg State University in both games of a key double-header.

The Lady Lions, ranked sixth in last week's NAIA top 20 poll, have split their previous four meetings with the Gussies.

The Lady Lions won the first game 4-3 after the Gussies had tied the score at three in the fourth inning. The winning run came in the fifth inning as Kim House scored when Tracie Johanning hit into a fielder's choice.

"In the first game we had one bad inning," said Head Coach Pat Lipira, "and that really hurt us."

In the second game the Lady Lions won in the last inning, 2-1, as House singled to drive in Gail Gilmore, who was put in to run after Carey McGinnis led off the inning with a single.

"These were two good games for us," said Lipira. "I felt good about both the offense and the defense in the double-header."

This weekend the Lady Lions travel to St. Joseph and the 11th annual CSIC Tournament, hosted by

Missouri Western.

"We should do well," said Lipira. "We are peaking at the right time."

Next Tuesday the District 16 Tournament begins with the seedings for the tourney coming out Sunday.

"The district is very tough," said Lipira. "In past years I could have probably named the teams that would make the final four, but this year I can name seven that could possibly be there."

"Hopefully we will be hosting the first round of the districts Tuesday."

Last weekend the Lady Lions won the Missouri Western Invitational in St. Joseph for the second straight year.

Undefeated in five games in the double-elimination tournament, the Lady Lions placed two players on the all-tournament team: House, who batted .312 with two game-winning RBIs, and Christi Tidman, who went 3-0 and allowed only two earned runs in 22 innings of work.

"The tournament at St. Joseph was the best tourney of the year for us," said Lipira.



Close play

Lady Lion catcher Patsy Hudson prepares to tag out a Pittsburg State baserunner. The Lions swept yesterday afternoon's double-header from the Gussies by the scores of 4-3 and 2-1. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Soccer team finishes season

Bodon and team anticipate competition in the MIAA

Moving to the NCAA will not affect the level of competition that Missouri Southern's soccer team will play.

"We've played Division I schools in previous years," said Lions Head Coach Hal Bodon. "So the caliber of competition should not be any tougher."

Southern finished its spring season this week by winning six of eight games. The two losses came in the Lions' first two games, both at Tulsa, when the Lions played Tulsa University and Oklahoma City University.

"The two losses were in our first

two games," said Bodon, "but we improved quite a bit and won the last six games at home."

Southern only lost four players from last year's soccer team and has a good crop of returning players.

Duanne McCormick is back at goalie, and Jeff Tow, who scored most of the Lions' goals this spring, is returning. Steve Triplett and Eddie Horn are coming back after injuries.

"With some recruits our defense will be solid," said Bodon. "Midfield is where we might have some problems."

"Next year we should do well

and have an exciting season."

Next year's schedule for Lions includes five district champions, the NAIA champions, and five NCAA teams. Plus, the schedule includes the East Texas Shootout.

In the MIAA schedule the Lions will play each of the other four teams in the conference twice, plus participate in a championship tournament. The NCAA tournament is by invitation only.

"We will have to play well in the MIAA," said Bodon. "Each of the schools have good programs."

Group resurfaces at Southern

Fellowship of Christian Athletes provides chance to share faith

Fellowship and support of Christians are the main foundations of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Missouri Southern originally became a member of FCA in 1978.

"We had a very active membership," said FCA adviser Chuck Williams, "but gradually it declined."

Southern tried to start the FCA up again two years ago with little success. Dusty DeVillier got the idea started and implemented again this year.

"The first meeting went well," said DeVillier, "and then after that it has just taken off."

The FCA is a Christian organization dedicated in offering young people an opportunity to share

their faith through their sport and their life.

"We are trying to provide fellowship for athletes," said DeVillier, "for the purpose of talking about problems they encounter, and find solutions based on Christian principles. We encourage and support one another."

Fund raising, for the purpose of donations and social activities, are an essential part of the FCA. On Sunday Southern's chapter will hold a car-wash at the Southside Shopping Center from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"We are trying to raise some funds for an activity this year," said DeVillier. "Also, the money will go to a possible activity at the beginning of next year."

The FCA is trying to bring in some speakers from all ranks of sports.

"The speaker will not be only for us," said DeVillier, "but for the community, especially the young people."

The FCA chapter meets on Tuesday of one week and on Thursday of the next week. FCA officers are Trey Moeller, president; Michelle Keeney, vice president; and Randy Darby, secretary-treasurer.

"We provide an open forum to talk about problems," said DeVillier. "The FCA is not just for athletes currently playing in an organized sport, but for anyone who ever played in an organized sport. I would even go so far as to say that everyone is welcome."

Editor bids fond farewell to seniors in class of '87

By David Kirksey
Sports Editor

SIDELINES

Throughout the course of the year I have seen many things happen on and off the court. Now that the end of the school year is upon us, I would like to say

good-bye and good luck to some of the seniors that I have seen play. Since basketball is my forte, the seniors of the sport deserve my attention.

Before I wish well to the seniors on our squad, I feel that it is imperative that I say a hearty farewell to the seniors of other teams.

I am particularly glad to see the seniors of Drury depart. Ted Young, who, if he really heated up, could beat a team single-handedly; Mike Blakesly, who almost performed against us as well with his playing ability as he did his fists; and Rod Gorman, who always seemed to speed up when he played against us.



To the University of Central Arkansas I say good-bye and good riddance to Scotty Pippin. "Mister" Pippin played every position when UCA and the Lions met. The man had so many dunks that I think he started inventing new ways to dunk a basketball.

Congratulations have to go along with the good-bye to Tom Meier and Washburn University. The Ichabods impressed me quite a bit, and Tom Meier was the heart and soul of the team. It is a shame that his shot against us was so accurate.

Bart Kofoed of Kearney State deserves a farewell. Kofoed really put on a show when Kearney came to visit. Kofoed is another one of these shooters who could beat you single-handedly if he really heated up.

Derrick Howse and Marvin Chatman from Emporia State are two players that I would just as soon never see on the court again. Between the two of them they could make a game difficult for anyone.

There are other people who didn't graduate that I would just as not see again, either. Just to throw out some names, the

Cheadle brothers of William Jewell are the first to come to mind. The sophomore and junior combination of this year just needed someone to pass them the ball to make a game interesting. "Rosy" Rosengquist of Wayne State is another that will be tough next year.

Now for a gracious farewell to Southern's seniors. They provided us all with some spectacular memories, and I'm sure that no one will forget their accomplishments.

Reggie Grantham, whose abilities at times seemed limitless, would devastate opposing guards. When Reggie decided to score, almost nothing could stop him.

Willie Laster, our other guard, was the Lions' three-point gun. Willie lit up the scoreboard at Drury one game, scoring the Lions' first nine points with just three shots.

Jeff Starkweather explained to us the art of passing and team play. Jeff's passing was a thing of beauty, in and of itself, and his unselfish play was a lesson to us all.

Marvin Townsend was the man to go to underneath the basket. I've watched Marvin for two years now, and he was "Mister Consistent." When things weren't going well Marvin was

always there to help us out of a hole.

Chris Tuggle is the last of this year's seniors on the basketball team. Chris' jumping ability and his natural "be where the action is" attitude combined to make some fascinating plays. I would have sworn that Chris could have or might have hit his head

on the backboard.

To seniors of Southern's other sports I say farewell, also. I am not as well acquainted with you as I should be, but nevertheless, I wish you well.

To all the seniors from those of us who watched you perform, the best wisher and the best of luck in all that you attempt.

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Curiosity is factor in attracting millions to genealogy

As much a hobby as it is a science, genealogy proves to be both fascinating and addictive to millions



State Archivist Gary Behan of Americans.
"Genealogy has surpassed coin collect-

ing as a hobby," said Bob Hunsaker, a pioneer of the Joplin Genealogical Society.

Studying family histories has become an integral part of people's lives for many reasons.

Many individuals such as Hunsaker and his wife, Edna, are involved in family research merely out of curiosity.

"It is very interesting to find the history of your family," Edna Hunsaker said. The Hunsakers began tracing their family lineage 40 years ago.

"I became interested after my father said he didn't know who his grandfather was," said Bob Hunsaker.

Hunsaker recently reached a dead end while researching. It seems that in 1771 one relative was born on a ship sailing to the United States. This infant was given the full name of another passenger who earlier had been thrown overboard. The name of the child's mother could not be traced.

Edna Hunsaker has joked to her husband several times since their marriage that he was a relative of Atilla the Hun, a great barbarian in world history.

"We found that Bob's ancestors actually lived in a colony built by Atilla the Hun,"

Edna Hunsaker said.

Many family researchers are astonished to find they are related to their spouses.



Margaret Emerson

"Most times people are married to their fifth and sixth cousins," said Bob Hun-

saker. "If a person can go back five generations and be his own cousin, he is special."

Genealogy is a hobby that anyone can enjoy if one has the inclination to do research.

"There is no right or wrong way to keep records," Edna Hunsaker said. "The first cardinal rule is Aunt Suzie may be wrong, so go and prove it."

Family researching grew in the United States after the Bicentennial. Alex Haley's *Roots* gave the final tug on the pulic's conscience.

Many individuals who can prove their lineage enjoy membership in such organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and Children of the American Revolution.

"To be a member of the DAR, one must prove they are a relative of someone who actually played a role in the Revolutionary War," said Margaret Emerson, DAR registrar and president of the Joplin Genealogical Society.

Tracing bloodlines is also a reason for genealogical research. According to Emerson, the Genealogy Room at the Joplin Public Library is "besieged with

Indians." If one can prove they are of Indian descent, they may receive government benefits.

The Mormon church is also actively involved in genealogy. It provides a large genealogical research center for its members as well as the public.

In 1832 Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon church, instructed all members to save all the people that had lived before them. Each member must research his family back five generations and perform a type of baptism on the deceased.

According to Emerson, the best way to begin family researching is to start immediately.

"You should start while you have family elders to talk to," said Emerson. "Jot down information and ask questions. Also, save family Bibles, diplomas, marriage licenses, and obituaries."

Emerson advised people to be aware of fraud researchers. "These are people who gather names from telephone books and create family histories for profit," said Emerson.

According to Edna Hunsaker, there are several universities which offer degrees in genealogy.

Belk studies lives of forgotten pioneers

Cemetery researcher interested in day-to-day lives of ancestors versus names

Researching her family history has taken Colleen Belk into the lives of many forgotten pioneers from around the area.

Belk first became interested in the genealogy of early settlers 20 years ago after her three children moved from home.

"I grew up listening to my grandmother describe my ancestors," said Belk, Jasper County historian and cemetery researcher. "Since then, I have always wanted to research my own family."

While preparing her family lineage, Belk became more interested in the day-to-day lives of her ancestors than in the names themselves. Reading the tribulations the pioneers encountered daily inspired Belk to research the people who homesteaded the Joplin area.

"These were the people that survived," she said.

The early settlers did not survive forever, and their endings are beginnings for Belk. Her research begins in the cemetery with tombstones that so freely give the information that will unlock the doors to past lives.

"The beginning and ending of the story is on the tombstone," she said. "I find the facts on the people and then build their story."

Finding cemeteries is sometimes a difficult task. According to Belk, most of the

older cemeteries are on private land and access is sometimes limited. Most land owners, however, are helpful and allow access to their property.

Once names and dates are recorded, Belk gathers further information on an individual by studying census records, county history books, land deeds, personal letters, and family Bibles.

She said there is usually "nothing startling" in her findings. She feels the story of each settler is unique because their individual needs were basic survival.

"I get the feeling they had much more to deal with," said Belk.

The extensive research done by Belk in the past 20 years has been during her spare time and only as a hobby. She works as a pharmaceutical technician at Oak Hill Hospital.

Belk has published more than 20 books on cemetery research. Fourteen of those volumes contain the cemetery research of southwest Missouri. She is currently working on volume 15 and expects to have it completed by the end of the summer. Although it is hard work, she admits she loves to put books together.

Belk has donated her books to the Genealogy Room at the Joplin Public Library.

"We have one of the finest genealogical libraries in the area," she said. "It has been carefully organized."

A member of the Joplin Genealogical Society, Belk will be the guest speaker at the Nov. 5 meeting.

The destruction of cemeteries is a great concern of hers.

"There are no Missouri laws to protect [private] cemeteries," said Belk. "Unless a cemetery is on the tax records, a land owner may deal with it as he pleases."

Belk recalled arriving at a private cemetery and finding the land owner "plowing it under."

"I do not get involved in the preservation of cemeteries," Belk said. "I do like to clean tombstones if I find them in bad shape."

Belk has also found cemeteries that were destroyed by the early mining industry.

She told of one cemetery that had been covered by a large pile of mine tailings. After years of erosion, some headstones were uncovered to reveal the cemetery's location.

Belk once lowered herself into a mine shaft by rope to record information from a headstone that was protruding from the edge.

Belk plans to keep researching until she "runs out of information."

"I really don't know why it interested me," she said. "I am preserving something...it needs to be done. I want to bring life to those who passed before us."



Reads stone

Standing in a cemetery which contains four generations of her family, Colleen Belk rubs chalk over her grandfather's tombstone so the name can be read clearly.



Society meets

(Above) Members of the Joplin Genealogical Society take notes during a lecture given by State Archivist Gary Behan at the April 2 meeting at the Joplin Public Library. Some 180 members pay yearly dues of \$5 to help finance the group's research. (Right) Genealogical Society founder Edna Hunsucker leads a discussion.



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Society aids investigation

Ancestry may be traced through library

Organized in October 1980, the Joplin Genealogical Society offers a voluminous library that assists the public in ancestral investigation.

The Society was formed by Bob and Edna Hunsaker, who moved to Joplin from New Mexico in 1978. In New Mexico, the Hunsakers were members of a genealogical society.

After moving to Joplin, the Hunsakers proceeded with their family researching but were faced with limited research material. They found they were not alone.

"We found a number of people interested in doing family research," said Edna Hunsaker. "We met in each other's homes."

Feeling the need for better organization, the group advertised an organizational meeting by distributing posters in local businesses.

"The first organized meeting was held in the old Joplin library in October 1980," said Hunsaker. "There were 25 people present."

It became obvious to the Society members that there was a need for expansion to meet the needs of America's growing hobby.

The new Joplin Public Library was destined to become the new home of the Joplin Genealogical Society.

Since that time, membership has risen to over 180 persons who pay yearly dues of \$5.

The Society also receives a substantial income through fund raisers and donations.

"We raise \$3,000-\$4,000 each year," Hunsaker said. "The money is all spent for books."

Inside the Genealogy Room of the public library, there are numerous volumes of family histories in books and on microfilm. There are also indexes of births, deaths, and anniversary clippings

from the Joplin Globe.

"The purpose of the Society is to teach and help people interested in doing research on their family," said Hunsaker. "We will point you in the right direction."

Society members volunteer their work at the Genealogy Room during regular library hours.

"You'll find the people very caring and concerned and gracious to help you," said Hunsaker.

If the library does not have needed materials, one may use the interlibrary loan service. According to Hunsaker, the Society also will pay half the price for needed materials if a patron will pay the other half. However, the material will become the property of the library.

Classes and workshops are provided by the Society throughout the year and conducted by volunteers with no charge to the public.

Genealogy classes taught by Hunsaker are scheduled for May and October in the Joplin Public Library's Freeman Room.

The Everton Workshop will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Missouri Southern. The Everton Publishing Company from Salt Lake City will provide indexes gathered by the Mormon church.

"About 600 people visited the Genealogy Room in March," said Margaret Emerson, Society president. "We receive mail from across the United States."

Other officers are John Schehrer, first vice president; Margaret Goddard, second vice president; Oletha Hoyt, recording secretary; Doris Flaker, publicity secretary; Edith Williams, treasurer; Aileen Sandy, historian; and Don Bailey and Roger Goodbary, board members.

Society meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Freeman Room of the Joplin Public Library.